(b) Kerosene consumption in the country includes kerosene distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS) and free market kerosene. PDS kerosene is a heavily subsidized product and the Government of India allocates it to the States on quarterly basis. As regards free market kerosene, oil companies sell the same as per requirement.

Various State Governments, including Gujarat Government, have requested increase in their PDS kerosene allocation. The matter of rationalization of allocation of PDS kerosene among the States is under the consideration of the Government.

Revision of Target Plus Scheme for carmakers

*376. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise its Target Plus Scheme that offered carmakers fiscal benefits on high export shipments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when, the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Target Plus Scheme was administered by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. As per the information made available, there is no proposal to revise the Target Plus Scheme which has been abolished for exports from 1.4.2006 onwards.

External aid for States

*377. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of externally-aided development projects at present being executed in the country in the Central, State and Multi-State spheres with cost thereof in each category;

(b) how the States access to external aid for their projects;

(c) whether there is any mechanism to monitor the progress of such projects to ensure that no undue delay is caused in their execution;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, whether there is any proposal to provide for a monitoring agency for the purpose; and

(f) if so, by when that is likely to be in place?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The number of externally aided projects presently being executed in the country in the Central, State and Multi-State Sectors along with the cost, is given below:

Development Partner	No. of Projects			Costs involved (in their respective currencies)		
	Centre	State	Multi-State	Centre	State	Multi-State
World-Bank	14	37	3	US$ 4531.51 million	US$ 7052.04 million	US$ 444.9 million
ADB	5	16	3	US$ 1625.1 million	US$ 2558.50	US$ 1350 million
UNDP	24			US$ 67.37 million		
Japan	16	38	1	134840 million Yen	512938 million Yen	13333 million Yen
Germany	8	10		538.14 million Euro	233.952 million Euro	
EC	2	3		440 million Euro	183.3 million Euro	
UK	4	18	1	382.74 million GBP	571.872 million GBP	24.88 million GBP
USA	11			US$ 592.97 million		
France		4			50.20 million French France & 4.56 million Euro	
Norway		2	1		70.31 million Norweygian Krones (NOK)	50.00 million Norweygian Krones (NOK)
Switzerland		1			10.93 million Swiss Franc (CHF)	
Italy		1			25.8 million Euro	
Russia	1			US$ 2600 million		
Total	85	130	9			

(b) The State Governments have to send Project Concept Note/ Preliminary Project Report through the concerned line Ministries to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA). The project of the State Government should fall within the Plan priorities and have the necessary clearances. Thereafter, considering the overall priorities, DEA poses the project to suitable development partner.

(c) to (f) The progress of externally-aided projects is regularly monitored by the project implementation authorities, State Governments and the concerned Administrative Central Ministries/Departments. Department of Economic Affairs also monitors the projects periodically for which a Project Management Unit has been established in the Department of Economic Affairs.

Outstanding dues of Banks against States

*378. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dues of certain Nationalized Banks are outstanding against some State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, till date, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for the dues remaining outstanding; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for recovery of the said dues?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Banks do not lend directly to State Governments. However, they invest in State Government securities and State Government guaranteed bonds issued by the State Government entities, and lend to the public undertakings/corporate bodies/autonomous entities, with or without the guarantee of State Governments, RBI has reported that while there has been no default in SLR Bonds issued by State Governments, some nationalized banks have informed about actual/proposed unilateral reduction in interest rates/pre payment of State Government guaranteed bonds and some dues guaranteed by State Government, in view of the financial position of State Governments/their entities.

(d) Banks have taken steps for recovery of their dues from the defaulting entities of the State Governments in accordance with their recovery policies and RBI guidelines which provide for restructuring of loans, One Time Settlement of dues, filing of cases in Courts/Debt Recovery Tribunals, etc.

Drainage of rain water in N.E. Region

*379. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment on the quantity of